

When it is desired to start the engine 12 in a normal starting procedure, the clutch 90 is actuated so that power will be conveyed to the first output 94. Compressed air from the ground source 34 or from the bleed air line 32 for the engine 14 if the engine 14 is operating is directed to the line 78 and applied via the first nozzle 72 to drive the turbine wheel 62. As a consequence, rotation of the turbine wheel 62 will cause rotation of the output 94 with the result that the turbine of the engine 12 will be driven by reason of its connection to the AMAD 16. The entire system will accelerate to the point where operation of the engine 12 becomes self-sustaining at which time, flow of compressed air to the nozzle 72 may be halted and the output shaft 94 disengaged from the transmission 84.

In a typical emergency situation, electrical and/or hydraulic power will be unavailable from the pumps 20, 22 or the integrated drive generators 24. This in turn means that where the aircraft 10 is a single engine aircraft, the sole engine will be inoperative at that point. Similarly, if the aircraft 10 is a multiple engine aircraft, it will mean that all engines are inoperative.

In order to provide hydraulic and/or electrical power to complete the link between the controls and the control surfaces of the aircraft so as to enable the pilot to recover control of the aircraft, the stored energy system 36 is fired. In particular, fuel from the tank 38 and oxidant from the vessel 44 are directed to the combustor 40 and combusted therein. The hot gases of combustion will vaporize additional fuel admitted into the combustor 40 at the point 60 and the resulting hot gases will be directed via the second nozzle 74 against the turbine wheel 62 to drive the same and rapidly bring the same up to speed. At this time, the clutch 90 will be selectively engaged so that the second output 96 will provide rotational power to the power generator 102 to drive the same. Upon being driven, the power generator 102 will provide power to enable the controls and the control surfaces to be linked and the pilot to again acquire control over the aircraft. Preferably, the system is designed with minimum rotor inertia so that power will be available from the power generator 102 in about two seconds or less from the time the stored energy system 36 is fired.

Once control of the aircraft 10 has been regained, consumption of power being provided by the power generator 102 is minimized and the clutch 90 engaged so that the first output 94 is driven. This will, through the AMAD 16, drive the turbine of the engine 12 and bring the same up to a speed whereat it may be started. For the type of system illustrated in FIG. 1, once the engine 12 has been restarted, bleed air from the bleed air line 30 may then be directed to the ATSM 28 so as to allow initiation of the starting procedure for the engine 14. However, it should be understood that if desired in a two engine aircraft, the ATSM 28 could be replaced with a turbine wheel, transmission and clutch assembly much like that illustrated in FIG. 2 and driven off the same or different stored energy system 36 as desired.

From the foregoing, it will be appreciated that the invention provide an on-board emergency main engine starting capability through the use of the stored energy system and without resorting to the use of an on-board auxiliary power unit. In aeronautical applications, the resulting weight saving is considerable. In addition, the emergency power unit feature of the invention is utilized to allow the establishment of stable flight prior to

any attempted restart of the main engine or engines, minimizing workload.

The invention is also susceptible to use in aircraft having electric motor driven hydraulic actuators in close proximity to the aircraft control surfaces. In such a case, initial electric power following a flame out of the main engine or engines could be provided to such electric motor driven hydraulic actuators from the aircraft battery system to provide stabilization of the various control surfaces. The generator employed in the invention could therefore be downsized to the point to provide for only recharging of the battery systems and provide a further reduction in inertia, physical volume and weight of the total system.

I claim:

1. An aircraft engine starting and power generating system for use with an airframe mounted accessory drive unit (AMAD) associated with a turbine engine comprising:

a rotary turbine wheel;

a clutch connected to said turbine wheel and having selectively operable first and second rotary outputs, one adapted to be connected as an input to an AMAD and the other connected as an input to a power generating apparatus;

a nozzle structure for said turbine wheel and adapted to direct compressed air from a source such as a bleed air outlet of a turbine engine or a ground based compressor system, or hot gases of combustion at said turbine wheel;

a combustor connected to said nozzle;

a fuel supply connected to said combustor to provide fuel thereto for combustion therein; and

a storage tank for containing an oxidant and connected to said combustor to provide oxidant thereto to support combustion of the fuel therein, whereby said turbine wheel may be driven by compressed air or by hot gases of combustion and said turbine wheel coupled to an AMAD by said clutch, to act as a conventional or emergency starter for a turbine engine associated therewith, or said turbine wheel may be driven by hot gases of combustion and said turbine wheel coupled to a power generating apparatus by said clutch to act as an emergency power unit.

2. The aircraft engine starting and power generating system of claim 1 wherein said clutch is connected to said turbine wheel by a planetary transmission.

3. The aircraft engine starting and power system of claim 1 wherein said clutch is a two-way clutch.

4. The aircraft engine starting and power generating system of claim 3 wherein said clutch is a dump and fill fluid coupling.

5. The aircraft engine starting and power generating system of claim 1 wherein said power generating apparatus is an electrical generator.

6. The aircraft engine starting and power generating system of claim 1 wherein said power generating apparatus is a hydraulic pump.

7. The aircraft engine starting and power generating system of claim 1 wherein said nozzle structure is a dual nozzle structure having a first nozzle for directing compressed air and a second nozzle for directing gases of combustion.

8. The aircraft engine starting and power generating system of claim 7 wherein said turbine wheel is a radial inflow turbine wheel and said first and second nozzles